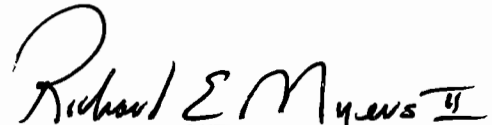


there are issues of material fact, see Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 325 (1986), especially as to defendants' subjective state of mind, see, e.g., Wilkins v. Gaddy, 559 U.S. 34, 37 (2010); Farmer v. Brennan, 511 U.S. 825, 835 (1994); Hudson v. McMillian, 503 U.S. 1, 8 (1992); Estelle v. Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 104 (1976); Brooks v. Johnson, 924 F.3d 104, 112 (4th Cir. 2019); Jackson v. Lightsey, 775 F.3d 170, 178 (4th Cir. 2014); Iko v. Shreve, 535 F.3d 225, 239 (4th Cir. 2008); Grayson v. Peed, 195 F.3d 692, 695 (4th Cir. 1999); Strickler v. Waters, 989 F.2d 1375, 1379 (4th Cir. 1993), plaintiff is not entitled to judgment as a matter of law, see Anderson, 477 U.S. at 249.

Accordingly, the court DENIES plaintiff's motion for summary judgment [D.E. 93]. The court also REFERS the case to United States Magistrate Judge Robert B. Jones, Jr. for a court-hosted settlement conference. Judge Jones will notify the parties how he wishes to proceed concerning the settlement conference, including any appointment of counsel, and the date on which it will be held. Additionally, the court stays the case by administrative closure until further notice.

SO ORDERED this 24th day of April, 2024.


RICHARD E. MYERS II
Chief United States District Judge